

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 147**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maze**

June 23, 2008

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 147—Relative to the Detective Kent Haws Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 147, as introduced, Maze. Detective Kent Haws Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway 65 in Tulare County as the Detective Kent Haws Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Kent Haws was born on October 1, 1969, in  
2 Phoenix, Arizona, and was an energetic and loyal man, whose life  
3 of protecting others began at a young age; and

4 WHEREAS, On May 28, 1993, Kent Haws entered the United  
5 States Army and became an Airborne Ranger Avenger crew  
6 member assigned to Alpha Battery 3rd Battalion 62nd Air Defense  
7 Artillery Unit, with training in forward area air defense, intelligence  
8 handling, and jungle warfare; and

9 WHEREAS, Kent Haws was stationed in Texas and New York,  
10 attained the rank of E4 as a corporal, and was deployed to Haiti;  
11 and

1 WHEREAS, Kent Haws was an expert marksman with rifle and  
2 grenade and a parachutist, and was awarded over 10 medals,  
3 commendations, and ribbons; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from the United States Army  
5 on October 28, 1996, Kent Haws chose to serve his community  
6 by joining the Tulare County Sheriff's Department and working  
7 in various locations, including the Main Jail Detention Facility  
8 and the Porterville Substation, and in the capacities of East  
9 Porterville Community Based Officer, member of the search and  
10 rescue team, and detective, and ultimately on the Sheriffs' Tactical  
11 Enforcement Personnel Unit (STEP); and

12 WHEREAS, Detective Haws loved his family, water sports, a  
13 good barbeque, and a great hand of poker; and

14 WHEREAS, Detective Haws had a passion for protecting others,  
15 and on December 17, 2007, while on his way home from serving  
16 search warrants, he observed a suspicious person in an orange  
17 grove near the town of Ivanhoe and attempted to make contact, at  
18 which time he was fired upon and suffered a fatal injury; and

19 WHEREAS, Detective Haws is survived by his wife, Francis,  
20 and their three children, Dominik, Nicholas, and Evan, and is  
21 remembered by his colleagues in the Tulare County Sheriff's  
22 Department as a "STEP-brother" who led by example, was not  
23 afraid to volunteer for the most difficult of duties, and was a  
24 humble leader who understood that true leadership is characterized  
25 by action, not position; and

26 WHEREAS, It is therefore appropriate to designate the portion  
27 of State Highway Route 65 between State Highway Routes 198  
28 and 137 in Tulare County in honor of Detective Kent Haws, a  
29 brave man who served his country and community and was selfless  
30 and self-sacrificing hero; now, therefore be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the  
33 portion of State Highway Route 65 between State Highway Routes  
34 198 and 137 in Tulare County as the Detective Kent Haws  
35 Memorial Highway; and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested  
37 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
38 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
39 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

1 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
2 further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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